

MEETING OF THE WHEELING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Monday, September 27, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the Human Rights Commission's Office

Commissioners Present: Chuck Hood, Cynthia Hutchison, Ron Scott, Nedra Koval and Diana Bell.

Commissioners Absent: Rabbi Lowy and George Blum

Staff Present: Theresa Garrett and Beth Czerwonka

Others Present: Arnold Kuhl, Charles Ballouz, John Shaw from NCOA, and Zach Macormac from The Intelligencer Newspaper

Call to Order

Chairperson Hood called the meeting to order at 4:42 P.M. Introduced Arnold Kuhl as the trainee under NCOA

Approval of Agenda

Commissioners reviewed the agenda of September 27, 2010. Director Garrett requested additions to her report including notification that she has been appointed to Neighborhood Ventures Board effective September 8, 2010, she has been invited to the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services- Ability Works Recognition Ceremony on October 13, 2010 in Charleston and the Human Rights Commission has been invited to the Orchestrating Your Life! Conference for Women on October 21, 2010 in Wheeling. Commissioner Hutchison made the motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Bell seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes

The Commission reviewed the Minutes of July 27, 2010 and August 31, 2010. Commissioner Koval made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

The Commission reviewed the July 31, 2010 and August 31, 2010 "Revenue & Expense Report (un-audited). As of July 31, 2010 the Commission has expended funds in the amount of \$8,797.76 from the FY 2010-11 General Fund. There is a balance of \$67,695.24.

The Commission reviewed the August 31, 2010 "Revenue & Expense Report" (un-audited). As of August 31, 2010 the Commission has expended funds in the amount of \$13,940.02 from the FY 2010-11 General Fund. There is a balance of \$62,552.98. Commissioner Hutchison made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Commissioner Scott seconded. Report accepted.

Commissioner Bell made a motion that the reading of the Director's Report be forgone except for items that the Director feels needs some elaboration. Commissioner Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Director's Report

- A. Preliminary Contacts from August 31, 2010. There were 390 contacts: 113 phone calls, 13 letters, 19 walk ins, 235 e-mails, 9 out of office, and 1 fax. These contacts included 133 Employment, 82 Housing, 90 Public Accommodation, 85

Other. There were no new cases filed.

- B. Re-appointment letters to all Commission members have been signed by Mayor McKenzie and mailed to each Commissioner.
- C. Invitation for Director Garrett to participate in the October 13th WV Division of Rehabilitation Services “Ability Works”, 2010 Ability Works Recognition Ceremony in Charleston, WV.
- D. Director Garrett has been appointed to the Wheeling Neighborhood Ventures Board by the Wheeling Housing Authority Board of Commissions.
- E. Director Garrett reminded members of the “Orchestrating Your Life? Conference for women to take place October 21st at WVNCC.
- F. The Westboro group has announced that it will be coming back to Wheeling. They are targeting Wheeling Jesuit University.
- G. Report on Easter Seals Human Rights Committee. Next meeting will be October 11, 2010.
- H. Director Garrett will have a presentation for the Warwood Lion’s Club on October 11, 2010.
- I. Director Garrett reported on Safe Place. The next meeting will be October 14, 2010.
- J. Director Garrett reported on SHRM activities. Next meeting will be October 14, 2010.
- K. NOD/CAC report: The WV Consumer Affairs Committee Annual Conference will be held on November 4th and 5th, 2010. The next meeting will be November 1, 2010 in Moundsville.
- L. The Racial Justice Coalition’s law enforcement training has been cancelled.
- M. The YWCA’s Project on Racism Essay Contest judging will be soon. Call Rhonda West if interested in being a judge.

Old Business

- A. The Sub Recipient Agreement is signed and the HRC will be funded \$75,200.00 from September 8, 2010 to September 8, 2011.

New Business

- A. The 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of WV Community Forum will be held on October 4, 2010. RSVP is needed.
- B. Director Garrett has been asked to participate in the diversity read “Books for Kids” at Centre Market.
- C. Commissioners were informed of newspaper articles from the last Commission meeting to present.
- D. After a short discussion, Commissioner Hutchison made a motion to move the HRC monthly meeting to Wednesday evenings. Commissioner Bell seconded. Motion passed. Therefore, the next HRC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in the Commission’s Office Conference Room.

Those wishing to be heard

John Shaw, director of NCOA explained how their program works.

Executive Session

Commissioner Hutchison made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commission Bell seconded. Motion passed.

**Commissioner Hutchison made a motion to come out of Executive Session.
Commissioner Bell seconded. Motion passed.**

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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